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SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING AND AIRPORT SECURITY TRAINING

REF: A. KATHMANDU 4330, B. STATE 151650, C. STATE 234359

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMAL RESPONSE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING OUR OFFER TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR ONE NEPALI SPECIALIST IN COURSE AT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INSTITUTE AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

2. HMG, WHICH REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA AS EARLY AS JANUARY 1974, IS MOST ANXIOUS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRAINING BUT IS SIMPLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FROM ITS LIMITED CIVIL AVIATION BUDGET. THEY HAVE INQUIRED WHETHER USG COULD COVER THIS EXPENSE, AS IT HAS TRADITIONALLY IN AID, DEA AND OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS. WE WOULD EXPECT GON TO COVER AIR COSTS TO EITHER BANGKOK OR NEW DELHI ON ITS OWN FLAG CARRIER, RNAC. USG WOULD HAVE TO FUND TRAVEL ONWARD TO U.S. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT FAA, TOO, HAS BUDGET LIMITATIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMMODATE HMG REQUEST IF AT ALL POSSIBLE SINCE AS A COUNTRY ALREADY VICTIMIZED BY AIRCRAFT HIJACKING NEPAL REALIZES NEED TO DEVELOP SECURITY MEASURES CONSONANT WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, WE WONDER WHETHER CCINC FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, SINCE EVEN PRESENT INADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT KATHMANDU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR SEVERAL NARCOTICS SEIZURES IN RECENT MONTHS FOLLOWING BODY SEARCH OF BOARDING PASSENGERS FOR SECURITY PURPOSES. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT IMPROVED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS COULD HAVE IMPORTANT SIDE

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BENEFITS ON NARCOTICS FRONT, AS WELL.

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